



# News Release

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## State disciplines health care providers

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "[Look up a healthcare provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health website](#) (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

## Benton County

In March 2013 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Dena Rae Conklin** (RN00106512) with unprofessional conduct. Conklin allegedly called in controlled substance prescriptions three times in her son's name, identified a former supervisor as the prescribing physician, and used or intended to use the drugs herself. Conklin allegedly tested positive for opiates and alcohol after being diagnosed as dependent on those substances.

## Clark County

In March 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Derrick Bohrer** (NA60061372) with unprofessional conduct. Bohrer's urine sample tested positive for hydrocodone and marijuana after hydrocodone prescribed for a patient was allegedly diverted.

## Douglas County

In March 2013 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Darcy A. Rathka** (RN60028951) with unprofessional conduct. Rathka allegedly didn't comply with a previous stipulation.

## **King County**

In March 2013 the Medical Commission charged physician **James E. Clark** (MD00030484) with unprofessional conduct. Clark allegedly didn't comply with a previous stipulation.

In March 2013 the Massage Practitioner Program filed an amended statement of charges against massage practitioner **Fei Fei Liu** (MA60180016).

In March 2013 the Counselor Program ended probation for mental health counselor **Carol Van Buren** (LH00010800).

In March 2013 the Naturopathy Board charged naturopathic physician **Ronald Gerard Waling** (NT00000425) with unprofessional conduct. Waling allegedly had a sexual relationship with a patient and didn't keep adequate records for that patient.

In March 2013 the Dental Commission charged dental assistant **Laura Rose Johnson** (D160062664) with unprofessional conduct. Johnson allegedly admitted calling in prescriptions for her own use under her mother's name. She allegedly called in prescriptions for controlled substances in her own name using the prescribing authority of her employer who didn't authorize the prescriptions and didn't know about it.

In March 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **James L. Still** (NA00109505) with unprofessional conduct. Still allegedly left the worksite, leaving the residents unsupervised, while working on an overnight shift as a caregiver for residents who required 24-hour care. Shortly after leaving, he allegedly was involved in a vehicle accident. In connection with the accident he was convicted of driving under the influence.

In March 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Abraham Del Transit Ulloa**, also known as Adelmo Ulloa-Duran (NA60209665), with unprofessional conduct. In 2012 Ulloa was convicted of two counts of second-degree child rape.

## **Kitsap County**

In March 2013 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program denied a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to **Justin M. Rains** (CO60281643). Rains was convicted in 2001 of first-and second-degree possession of stolen property, in 2002 of possession of a dangerous weapon and of second-degree possession of stolen property, in 2003 of second-degree taking a motor vehicle without permission, in 2004 of second-degree burglary and of first-degree unlawful possession of a firearm, and in 2009 of second-degree burglary and of first-degree theft.

## **Lewis County**

In March 2013 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program entered an agreement with chemical dependency professional trainee **Michelle Lynn Buckholz** (CO60299565) and placed her credential on probation. Buckholz didn't comply with a previous agreement.

In March 2013 the Nursing Commission withdrew charges against registered nurse **Susan M. Smith** (RN00092786).

### **Mason County**

In March 2013 the Secretary of Health charged health care assistant **Angela Christine Castle** (HC60100743) with unprofessional conduct. Castle allegedly had sexual relationships with two patients.

### **Pierce County**

In March 2013 the Nursing Assistant and Counselor programs entered into an agreement with registered nursing assistant and agency affiliated counselor **Patrick Steven Crews** (NA00170767, CG60230444) and placed his credentials on probation. Crews allegedly didn't comply with a previous agreement requiring him to take drug and alcohol tests.

In March 2013 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program reinstated the credential of chemical dependency professional trainee **Bridgette Lorraine Alexander-Johnson** (CO60155164).

In March 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program entered an agreement with certified nursing assistant **Jackie Johnson** (NC10006793) and placed her credential on probation for at least a year. Johnson didn't comply with a previous agreement.

### **Snohomish County**

In March 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Jernie B. Concepcion** (NA00088752) with unprofessional conduct. Concepcion allegedly employed a worker in her adult family home who lied about criminal convictions on background check forms. The worker had been convicted and was prohibited from working where she was allowed unsupervised access to vulnerable adults. Concepcion continued to employ the worker after learning of the convictions and the prohibition.

In March 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Cesar S. Valera** (NA60193971) with unprofessional conduct. While working at an adult family home, Valera allegedly lifted a resident's shirt, touched her breasts without her consent, wrapped her leg around his and asked her whether he could close her room door. She said no. The Department of Social and Health Services issued a finding of abuse and neglect against Valera.

In March 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Lalaine C. Valera** (NC10088361) with unprofessional conduct. Valera operated an adult family home where she employed her husband, who allegedly touched a patient's breasts without the patient's

consent. Valera allegedly didn't report the allegations to the Department of Social and Health Services for several hours, told the resident's daughter the resident could stay in the home only if she recanted the allegations, and barred the resident and her daughter from the rest of the home. The Department of Social and Health Services issued a finding of abuse and neglect against Valera.

In March 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program denied a credential for registered nursing assistant to **Amanda Rose Kullman** (NA60178223), who was convicted in 2008 of third-degree theft.

In March 2013 the Veterinary Board charged veterinary medication clerk **Molly Rae White** (VM60252424) with unprofessional conduct. White allegedly diverted propofol, a legend drug and anesthetic, from a veterinary hospital where she worked.

### **Spokane County**

In March 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program ended probation for certified nursing assistant **Julie Raeann Potts** (NC10096507).

### **Thurston County**

In March 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program ended probation for certified nursing assistant **Adam David Eakin** (NC10094157).

In March 2013 the Medical Commission ended a 2011 order with physician **Donald R. Miller** (MD00026759). Miller may practice without restrictions.

### **Out of State**

**Nova Scotia:** In February 2013 the Medical Commission entered an agreement with physician **Carlo G. Carandang** (MD00036496) and placed his credential on probation. Carandang must comply with terms affecting his credential in Nova Scotia, where he was reprimanded after soliciting sexual services from an underage sex worker.

**Note to Editors:** Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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